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1. (currently amended) A flexible guiding element for toy vehicles comprising a plurality of segments, each segment comprising:
 - a body having first and second ends, said body formed of a molded elastomeric material; and
 - a ductile metal member encased within said body in direct contact with and fully surrounded by said elastomeric material so as to be displaced from the surface of said body.
2. A flexible guiding element as defined in Claim 1 wherein said ductile metal member is a twisted pair of wires.
3. A flexible guiding element as defined in Claim 1 which further includes a male connector member at said first end and a female connector member at said second end.
4. A flexible guiding element as defined in Claim 3 wherein said male and female connector elements each include a pair of ridges displaced from each other to provide an interference fit when a male connector member on one segment is joined to a female connector member on an adjacent segment.
5. A flexible guiding element as defined in Claim 1 wherein said body includes first and second side edges, said side edges each defining a plurality of V-shaped indentations.
6. A flexible guiding element as defined in Claim 1 wherein said body includes a top surface and a bottom surface, said top surface defining a pair of spaced apart depressions forming a track for said vehicle and said bottom surface defines a plurality of voids.